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#### **2013 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #67**

#### **Summer Announcement #62, Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C Subsistence Fishing Schedule**

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The Pilot Station sonar cumulative passage estimate of approximately 114,000 Chinook salmon through July 14 is well below the historical average of 142,000 for this date. Based on the assessment information to date, the current projection is for a total run size slightly better than the poor run of 2012.

Additional measures have been taken in District 1 through District 4 to conserve Chinook salmon for escapement and are being similarly implemented in upriver fishing districts based on migratory timing. Reduced subsistence fishing periods are being implemented in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C to provide additional conservation for the Chinook salmon run.

**Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, & 5-C** (from Illinois Creek upstream to regulatory markers 2 miles downstream of Waldron Creek, which includes the communities of Tanana and Rampart as well as the area near the Yukon River Bridge.):

Subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C is currently closed. The 48-hour subsistence salmon fishing period scheduled to begin 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 16, will be reduced to a 24-hour subsistence salmon fishing period.

Subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C will be open from 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 16, until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 17. Gillnets are restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size and fish wheels must be equipped with a chute or a live box. Fish wheels must be closely attended while in operation and all Chinook salmon caught in fish wheels must be returned to the water alive.

The department will notify fishermen by July 18 concerning the subsistence salmon fishing schedule in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C.

During subsistence salmon fishing closures, fish wheels may not be operated and gillnets with a mesh size greater than four inches and a length greater than 60 feet must be removed from the water.

The subsistence fishing schedule and recorded fishery announcements will be available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387 or in Fairbanks call (907) 459-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the ADFG office in Fairbanks at 459-7274 or in Emmonak at 949-1320. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service can be contacted in Fairbanks at 456-0418.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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